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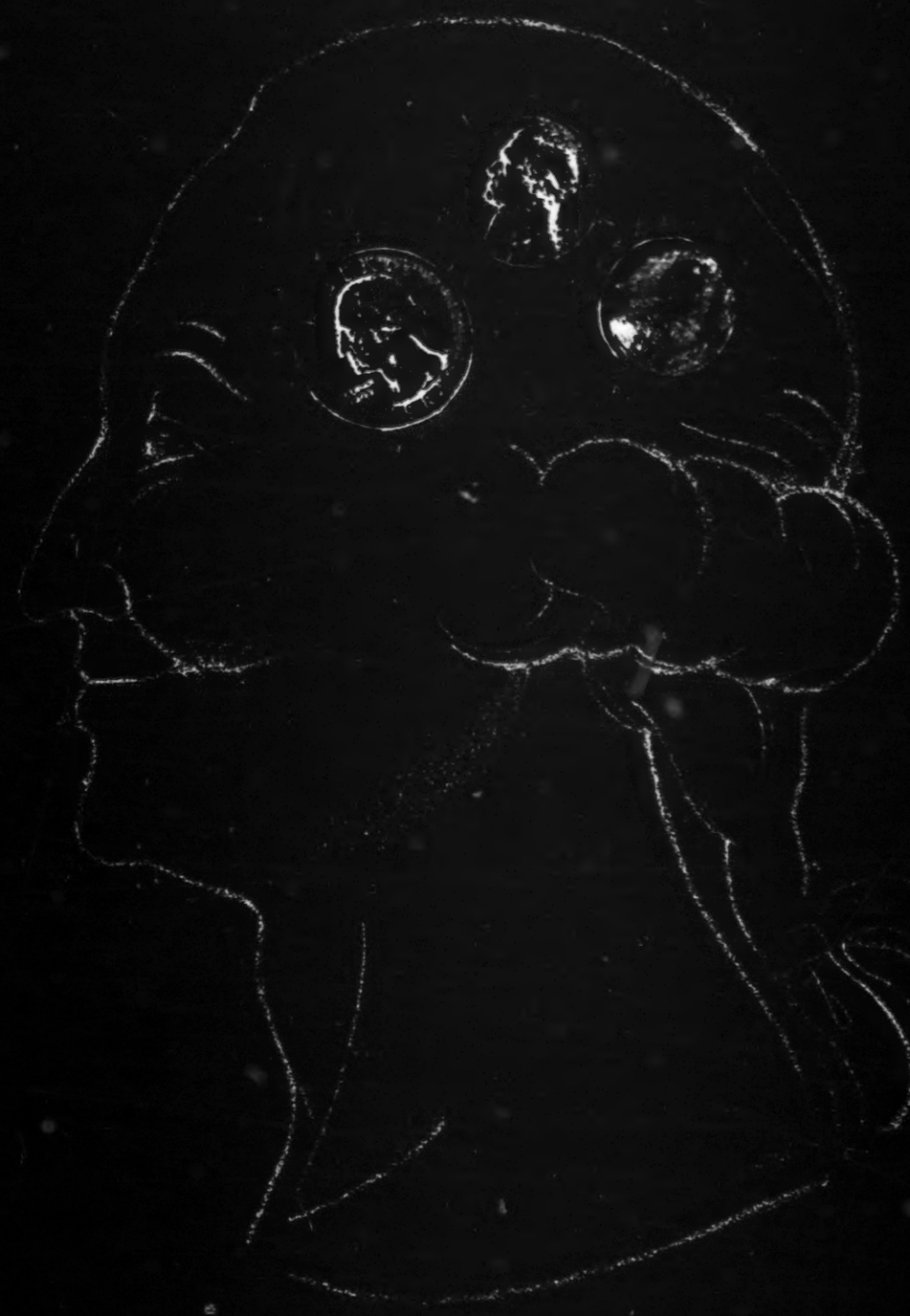

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Understanding Taxes

Understanding Taxes is a set of ready-to-use classroom materials for senior high school and junior high school students. It helps students learn about the preparation of basic tax forms as well as the history, economics and politics of the Nation's tax system.

The current course materials were developed with the cooperation of the Joint Council on Economic Education, the Agency for Instructional Technology, representatives from every state education and economics education agency, and the Internal Revenue Service.

The variety of topics covered and their modular format allow Understanding Taxes to be used in a number of different classrooms: history, economics, math, consumer education, government, civics, or business education. Teachers can integrate course materials into standard high school, junior high school, and adult basic education curricula.

Teacher's Resource Package

The heart of the program is the Teacher's Resource Package. Packaged in a convenient, durable binder, the Teacher's Resource Package includes all materials needed to teach about taxes, including lesson plans, reproducible student handouts, and overhead transparencies. In addition to these educational tools, the Resource Package includes computer software that leads students through the process of filling out tax forms and a videocassette that contains nine 15-minute programs on broad tax issues that affect your students and their communities.

The video programs are:

Income Tax and You
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Updated materials are automatically sent each year to teachers who have the Teacher's Resource Package.

Teacher Workshops

Teacher training workshops are conducted throughout the country at many of the over 290 Centers for Economic Education to familiarize teachers with program materials and objectives. These workshops are coordinated by the Joint Council on Economic Education.

For More Information

For information on how to order the Understanding Taxes Teacher's Resource Package, call your IRS Taxpayer Education Coordinator or send in the order form included in this brochure.

On the back of this brochure are addresses and telephone numbers of Taxpayer Education offices around the country.

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